

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments to the claims. No new matter has been added by the amendments.

The amendments are to remove multiple dependencies, and also to effect minor editorial changes in accordance with US style.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

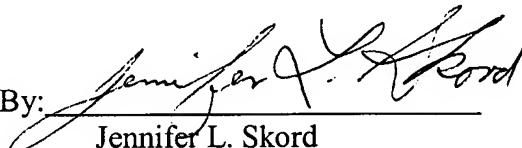
Although it is believed that no further fee is due since a \$475.00 check for the filing fee is enclosed, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies of payment associated with this Communication, or to credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 13-4365**.

Respectfully submitted,

MOORE & VAN ALLEN PLLC

Date: February 16, 2006

By:


Jennifer L. Skord
Registration No. 30,687
Moore & Van Allen PLLC
430 Davis Drive, Suite 500
Morrisville, NC 27560-6832
Telephone: (919) 286-8000
Facsimile: (919) 286-8199